



BIOGRAPHY

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COLONEL KIM A. HIGH

Colonel High is the Commander of the Big Safari Systems Group (BSSG), Reconnaissance Systems Wing, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. As the Commander of BSSG, he manages 28 programs including NCCT, RC-135, Compass Call, Senior Scout, DHS, and other classified projects. Big Safari is a true “cradle-to-grave” organization, Col High is responsible for sustainment, upgrade, modification, depot, supply, and flight test activities for all 28 programs assigned to Big Safari.

In April 1980, Col High received his commission from OTS and proceeded to Mather AFB CA to attend Navigator Training. After completing his training, he was assigned to the KC-135 at Pease AFB NH as a KC-135 navigator. In March 1985, Col High was selected to fly the FB-111 at Plattsburgh AFB NY he ended his tenure as the chief flight examiner. In 1991, Col High was transferred to the Aeronautical Systems Center (ASC) at Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio he worked as a program manager on the SRAM II, B-2, Multirole Fighter (now Joint Strike Fighter), and Executive Officer to the ASC/CC. In 1995 he was assigned the Director of Operations in the 604th Air Support Operations Squadron Camp Red Cloud, Uijongbu, Korea. Returning to ASC, he was selected as the Development System Manager for the KC-135 and then to lead the Commander’s Program Execution Group. Col High was then selected to command Big Safari’s Detachment 2 at the Raytheon/E-Systems plant in Greenville TX. After attending AWC, he returned to ASC as the Deputy for the Big Safari Program. He formally took Command of the BSSG on 19 Jan 2005.



EDUCATION:

1980 Bachelor of Arts in Literature, Indiana University, Bloomington IN

1986 Squadron Officers School, in-resident, Maxwell AFB AL

1994 Masters degree business administration Aero, Embry Riddle University FL

1994 Air Command and Staff Joint, non-resident, Maxwell AFB AL
1998 Air War College, non-resident, Maxwell AFB AL
2001 Air War College, in-resident, Maxwell AFB AL

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. October 1980 – April 1985, KC-135 evaluation flight examiner, Pease AFB NH
2. April 1985 – December 1985, CCTS Student Navigator, Plattsburg AFB NY
3. December 1985 – July 1987, Radar Navigator, Plattsburg AFB NY
4. July 1987 – April 1988, Flt Commander Instructor Radar Navigator, Plattsburg AFB NY
5. April 1988 – May 1990, Stan/Eval Flight Examiner FB111A, Plattsburg AFB NY
6. May 1990 – May 1991, DO Executive Officer, Plattsburg AFB NY
7. May 1991 – October 1991, B-2 Integration Manager, Wright-Patterson AFB OH
8. October 1991 – June 1993, Senior Acquisitions Manager, Wright-Patterson AFB OH
9. June 1993 – July 1994, Chief, Special Projects, Wright-Patterson AFB OH
10. July 1994 – January 1995, Executive Officer to the ASC/CC, Wright-Patterson AFB OH
11. January 1995 – January 1996, Director of Operation, 604th Air Support Operations Squadron, Camp Red Cloud, Uijongbu, Korea
12. January 1996 – June 1996, Chief, Mission Area Int Div, Wright-Patterson AFB OH
13. June 1996 – July 1998, KC-135 Development System Manager, Wright-Patterson AFB OH
14. July 1998 – May 1999, Chief, Program Execution Group, Wright-Patterson AFB OH
15. May 1999 – July 2000, Commander, Det 2 645 MATS, Greenville TX
16. July 2000 – June 2001, Student Air War College, Maxwell AFB AL
17. June 2001 – January 2005, Deputy/Chief, Special Projects Division, ASC, Wright-Patterson AFB OH
18. January 2005 – Present, Commander, Big Safari Systems Group, Reconnaissance Systems Wing, Wright Patterson AFB OH

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal with 6 oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Army Commendation Medal
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	Apr. 1, 1980
First Lieutenant	Apr. 1, 1982
Captain	Apr. 1, 1984
Major	Sep. 1, 1992
Lieutenant Colonel	Apr. 1, 1997
Colonel	Oct. 1, 2002

(Current as of January 2006)